

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 888 - HB 1468

March 18, 2019

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes the Department of Agriculture (DOA) to provide notice of registered landrace varieties of hemp to licensed growers and processors via the DOA's website.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005976): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates an advisory task force to study issues relative to hemp, including, but not limited to, processing, testing, transporting, regulation of hemp products, and its economic impact on rural areas of the state. Requires the task force to be comprised of 12 members, six appointed by the Speaker of the Senate, and six appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Authorizes the task force to hold up to three meetings to hear public testimony from persons with expertise in the hemp industry. Requires the task force to submit a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2020, at which time the task force shall cease to exist.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$13,400/One-Time

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation does not contain any provisions regarding expense reimbursement for members performing the duties of the task force.
- It is assumed that all 12 members will be reimbursed for mileage and incidentals; and 10 members will be reimbursed for lodging expenses; two members will not require lodging accommodations.
- Three meetings of the task force will occur prior to January 1, 2020.
- Mileage reimbursement is estimated to be \$110 (\$0.47 per mile x 234 average miles) per roundtrip.
- Meals and incidentals reimbursement is estimated to be \$61 per day.

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- The increase in state expenditures for mileage, meals and incidentals is estimated to be \$6,156 [12 members x (\$110 + \$61) x 3 meeting].
- Lodging reimbursement is estimated to be \$240 per night.
- The increase in state expenditures for lodging is estimated to be \$7,200 (10 members x \$240 x 3 nights)
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$13,356 (\$6,156 + \$7,200)

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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